

## Class 4 Parent Information – Spring 1

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Please find below some important dates and reminders for the upcoming half term. As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Mrs Blakey 😊

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Mass in church (10.30am)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 Stay and Pray (2.45pm)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Big Foot Arts Workshops (in school)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Number Day (more info to follow)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 Mass in school chapel (9.10)

### Spellings

Although we do practise our weekly spelling rules in class, it is also expected that the children will spend time learning these at home, as part of their weekly homework. Paper copies of the spellings for this term will be given to the children and will also be sent via email.

Spelling tests take place each Friday, but children will also be expected to know the meanings of these words, say them in a sentence and spell them correctly in written sentences.

Some spellings rules from last half term are being revisited and reviewed this half term just to ensure we are secure with these spellings.

### Homework

Homework will not change to Reading Comprehension homework, rather than Maths. Children should still continue to practise their times tables in other ways. Each week, children should read the given text and then answer the related questions. If you find that your child is really struggling with the reading aspect of the homework, please feel free to read it to them to allow them to answer the questions (but write a little note at the bottom so I know they needed help).

Just a reminder that the children can then return their homework as soon as it is completed, but no later than the due date.

### Our Learning

This half term, we will be learning about:

Science – Living things and their habitats

History – Roman Britain

Geography – Coastal processes and landforms

Computing – Programming (Turtle Academy)

Art – Still Life drawing

RE – Local Church (Community), Islam and beginning our second Sacramental Preparation unit (Celebrating Mass)

French – Saying what I and others do

### PE

Year 4 PE days will continue to be on Wednesday and Friday this half term. Please ensure your child comes to school in their full school PE kit on these days.

### Reading Books

Children are expected to read at least three times per week and record this in their reading records. Reading can be recorded in reading records by the children themselves or by anyone who reads with them e.g. parents, grandparents, older siblings etc. If children are writing in reading records themselves, parents should sign them at least once a week. Reading records should be returned to school every Friday, along with any reading books the children have finished reading and need to exchange for new ones. Raffle tickets are given out as rewards for reading at least 3 times every week. The children are then entered into a prize draw to win a book.

There are quite a number of children in Year 4 who aren't regularly bringing their reading books and reading records in each week. Please could you remind and encourage your child to bring them in each Friday.

### Reminders

Please ensure children bring a refillable water bottle to school each day, as well as a coat.

Please ensure all clothing is named. We have a lot of items left in our cloakroom and it makes it much easier to reunite items with children when their names are inside.